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Melik Isbara

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Filing Date: September 9, 1997

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

INTERFACING MIXED VOLTAGE

SIGNALS

Group Art No.:

2816

Examiner: Wells, Kenneth

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Atty. Dkt. No.:

INPA:035

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 1998, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)</u>

This is a request for filing a **continuation** application under Rule 53 (37 CFR § 1.53(d)) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/925,868, filed on September 9, 1997, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING MIXED VOLTAGE SIGNALS."

The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

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	3.	This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior					
		application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).					
		(a) DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional					
		application:					
		(b) The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached					
		hereto.					
	4.	A new Power of Attorney is enclosed.					
	5.	An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.					
		(a)	PTO-1449.				
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			and such status is still proper and desired.
			(c) Small entity status is no longer claimed.
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			§§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or
•			should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is
•			authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Arnold White & Durkee Deposit
			Account No. 01-2508/INPA:035/GLE.
		9.	The Assistant Commissioner is requested to grant Applicants a filing date in
			accordance with Rule 1.53, and supply Applicants with a Notice of Missing Parts in
			due course, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.53(d).
		10.	Priority of application Serial No. filed on in the country of is
			claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
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			Mark L. Gleason ARNOLD WHITE & DURKEE P. O. Box 4433 Houston, Texas 77210 (713) 787-1400
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It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

Respectfully submitted,

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